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STATE ECONOMY VITAL.

LORD INCHCAPE'S REVIEW.

P. AND O. S. N. CO.'S "WRETCHED YEAR."

LONDON, December 7.
At the annual meeting of the P. and O. S. N. Co., Lord Inchape, who is a member of Sir Eric Geddes' economy committee outspokenly criticised the State's expenditure. He declared that our commitments unless modified would lead us to bankruptcy. The only hope of the country lay in the reduction of expenditure. He said in common with most shipping companies the P. and O. had experienced a wretched year and declared that wages afloat must be reduced if British shipping was to hold its own.

WAGES AFLOAT.

LONDON, December 7.
The shipowners have notified the National Maritime Board of their intention to apply for further reduction in the wages of sailors and firemen by £3 a month. It is understood that the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union is preparing to oppose the reduction.

CANADA'S ELECTION.

LIBERAL MAJORITY.

OTTAWA, December 7.
The election returns are as follows:—Conservatives 13, Liberals 109, Progressives 33, Labour two. Forty-eight constituencies have not yet reported.

The Liberal leader, Mr. Mackenzie King has been elected by a majority of nearly a thousand. One woman, Miss McPhail, was elected in Ontario.

LATER.
Mr. Mackenzie King, who has received many telegrams of congratulation, though the results are still incomplete, said the people of Canada had shown that they were heartily sick of coalitions. He rejoiced that one party returned with a clear majority to carry on with coalescing or log rolling.

AMERICAN TARIFF.

AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED.

WASHINGTON, December 7.
In the Senate, Senator Smoot introduced two amendments to the tariff bill, one empowering the President to proclaim American valuation as a basis for levying duties and the other authorising him to raise or lower the tariff rates up to 50 per cent. of the rates fixed by the bill.

BRITAIN'S VICTORY.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PARIS, December 7.
M. Briand, speaking in the Senate said he was certain no one among the Allies held for a minute that France should be ruined for the sake of Germany which would become wealthy by means of fraudulent bankruptcy.

The Chamber's action in voting by 460 to 100 votes postponement of discussion of foreign affairs signifies another victory for M. Briand.

AMERICA'S ALLIED CREDITS.

FUNDING QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, December 7.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, in his report to Congress, refers to the question of funding foreign indebtedness to the United States of 10,000 million dollars and draws attention to the fact that within six months £7½ million dollars of short-dated government debt mature. He argues lengthily in favour of reduction of income surtaxes from 10 to 20 per cent. and even 10 for peace times as he contends that heavy taxes prevent enterprise.

INDIAN UNREST.

PROHIBITED MEETINGS.

DELHI, December 7.
Twelve non-cooperation agitators have been arrested at Allahabad and Lucknow attempting to address meetings to enrol national volunteers in defiance of the prohibition of the magistrate at Lucknow who prohibited meetings for two months.

STRAITS LOAN CLOSES.

LONDON, December 7.
The Straits loan list closed at 11 o'clock this morning.

IRISH PEACE.

INTERNEED RELEASED.

LONDON, December 7.
The King has approved the release of all internees in Ireland.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 3/8.
To-day's opening rate 2/7 3/8.

QUADRUPLE ENTENTE.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.

TREATING BEING PREPARED.

MAKING WAR DIFFICULT.

WASHINGTON December 7.

The Far Eastern Committee unanimously adopted resolutions ensuring the territorial integrity of China, providing for the use of wireless stations, and providing for China's neutrality in the event of war in which China was not a party.

According to information from American official sources a tentative agreement among Britain, the United States, Japan and France to replace the Anglo-Japanese alliance is now being reduced to treaty form and if accepted by the respective Governments will be submitted to the United States Senate. It provides for joint consultation on any matters affecting the interests of the four powers in the Pacific islands. Each power undertakes to consult the others before making on any differences relating to those islands. Questions between the United States and Japan relating to cable facilities, the Island of Yap and other matters will be dealt with in a separate treaty which it is stated is nearing completion.

CHINA'S RADIO STATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 7.

An official communiqué states that at to-day's meeting of the committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions all the delegates were present except Baron Shidehara (Japan) and Senator Underwood (America). The report submitted by the sub-committee on drafting measures relating to radio stations for China states that representatives of the nine powers at the conference decided that all radio stations in China, whether maintained under the provisions of the international protocol of September 7, 1901 or in fact maintained on the grounds of any foreign legations in China shall be limited in use to sending and receiving commercial, personal, or unofficial messages, including press matter. It is provided, however, that in the case of all other telegraphic communication interrupted then upon official notification accompanied by proof of such interruption to the Chinese Ministry of Communications such stations may afford temporary facilities for messages excluded as aforementioned until the Chinese Government notifies termination of the interruption.

AMERICA'S NATIONAL DEFENCE.

CHEMICAL WARFARE.

SECRET POISON GAS STUDY.

WASHINGTON, December 7.

In his annual report to Congress, Mr. Weeks, Secretary of War, declares that the plans for national defence contemplate more complete state preparedness than ever previously attempted in peace time. He recommends the maintenance of a large surplus of officers in the regular army to train reserve personnel and suggests doubling the capacity of the Government military academy. He says that new types of military equipment from the infantry hand grenade to the heaviest artillery now being produced will gradually supersede the existing types. Poison gas and chemical warfare are being studied secretly, although Americans may oppose in principle the use of poison gas as they cannot safely presume a similar attitude on the part of their opponents. He emphasises that the United States is much behind the leaders in the aerial development of warfare and urges every encouragement of commercial aviation.

BADAK TIN MINE.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

MELBOURNE, December 7.

Mr. Orton, discoverer of the Badak tin mining property in the Malay Peninsula has arrived at Queenstown and charged with conspiracy to defraud. It is recalled that in August of 1920 a sensation was caused on the Melbourne stock exchange by the continuous heavy fall in the shares of the property on the adverse reports of Mr. Orton. It was then reported that he had been dropped to return to the mine and obtain results similar to those he had previously reported as he believed the property had been wrongly treated but the Commonwealth authorities were reported to have withdrawn his passport pending enquiries.

COAL FOR STRAITS.

FIRST CARGO LOADING.

LONDON, December 7.

The first cargo of Swansea coal to go to the Straits Settlements is loading. It consists of 4,000 tons of anthracite.

DR. JORDAN'S DEATH.

BELATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON, December 7.

The death is announced of Dr. Gregory P. Jordan, medical officer at Hongkong.

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ADVENTURES OF A LIBRARY.

MORRISON COLLECTION BOUGHT BY JAPAN.

It was generally known that the late Dr. G. E. Morrison, the Times correspondent at Peking, had collected the most complete known library of books relating to China. This library also contained many rare manuscripts. It was sold by Dr. Morrison to the house of Mitsui in Japan.

The Mitsuis—the Rothschilds of the Far East—were proposing to establish a seat of Oriental study, and desired the library for this purpose. All this is a matter of common knowledge, but what happened to the library between the books leaving Dr. Morrison's house in Peking and their arrival at Tokyo is not generally known and reads somewhat like a romance, says the *Manchester Guardian*.

These priceless volumes were packed by the Japanese agents of the purchaser in ordinary packing cases and made the journey safely through the Yellow Sea and were successfully landed at the Japanese port of arrival. The cases were then put into the ordinary warehouses of the port. It is now that the strange thing happened.

This Japanese port was suddenly visited without warning by a tidal wave of a force and dimension that was unprecedented, and the whole of the warehouses were flooded and the entire library drenched in sea-water. It seemed that the damage to the priceless collection of books must be irreparable. The house of Mitsui, however, has resources; every scrap of blotting-paper in Japan was secured, and literally thousands of hands were set to work inter-leaving every damaged page with blotting-paper. The entire approach to this particular port was blocked with wonderful books being dried like Bombay ducks—in the sun. The damage, of course, was heavy but from the literary standpoint the library was saved.

WORLD ARMIES.

FRANCE NOW SECOND TO CHINA.

The Washington correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* telegraphs: "Official figures announced here show the world's active strength gives the respective totals of active land armies of fourteen of the most important nations in the world as comprising approximately 6,000,000. These figures are expected to be considered by the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments in November.

In the analysis available China stands out first in the summary of men under arms on Sept. 1, being credited with 1,970,000. But France is far ahead amongst nations free of civil strife, having 1,034,000. Great Britain comes next with 740,500. Germany is last with 100,000. The United States stands thirteenth on the list with 140,000, thus exceeding only Germany; Japan is credited with 300,000, and Italy 350,000. Figures for other Powers include: Russia, 538,000; Poland, 450,000; Greece, 255,000; Spain, 253,000; Switzerland, 170,000; Turkey, 150,000; Czechoslovakia, 150,000.

It is expected that the Washington Conference in planning the limitation of armaments discussion will consider causes and factors, as well as the size of armies. Some apprehension is felt in Washington, because there is a general tendency here, also abroad, to consider the Conference as a "Disarmament" Conference, whereas the Conference is really for "Limitation" only. President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes have both made it clear that the object of the Conference is for the discussion of "limitation," and not "disarmament," and they want the world to understand this at the end thereof, of the words—

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all possible worlds. How oddly and yet how comfortably things have come to this pass, neither foreseen nor planned by us, nor willed, yet now consented to most heartily. All due to digressions, to departures from plan and schedule and itinerary, to contempt of programme, to indulgence in the eternal jollity of whim. We set out for Brighton in the late 'nineties, we never reached there, have never been there, and our digressions from the road to Brighton have landed us here in Hongkong. Can you beat that? Just think a moment. Is it a confession of failure or a statement of success? On the devious road, the road that has come roundabout to this, joy has meant laughter and grief tears, and what more than that could have happened on the road that was foreordained, on the road that runs straight to the place we did not reach? Say our years are fifty, should we not have been half a hundred in Brighton? That we might have had less or more wealth, more or less fun, is guess-matter. Failing to digress, it is sure we would not have been the man we are, but some stranger person, for even the ego obeys the law, is moulded by events, and, as the old and familiar scrap of Latinus says, is changed with them, *nos mutamur*. The strange, wild digressions of nomadic men! In slipped ease and cosy retrospection we may survey our own, or we may contemplate those of other men. As we are now, drowsily content by this cheerful fire and this friendly bottle, may those others be, our fellow digressers, sometimes more boldly digressive than we. How so many gallant fellows a lustrum ago, walking on a way straight and narrow, to an arrival counted upon with faith, digressed largely and at large things in Flanders. Where are they all this evening? We know where some are.

Pish that bell, Old Thing, beside you. We must have another piece of coal on, and the tide in the bottle is at low ebb. If this is not

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that haven where we would be, it is for all that a haven. Let us make the best of it. It should be hard to improve upon it. Outside is that horrid hurly-burly you know of. Tomorrow we may be in it again. For this evening let us agree that the Panglossian dictum has at least the right to be heard. That picture on the wall there is a soothing thing. The noises from the kitchen are fanfares of promise. Anon we shall digest again, let churlish logic chid, as it may. For words are very like money, and of money what we call small change enjoys in its own right an importance as important as that of capital sums, and the flinging of largesse is business just as investment may be. The humorist is just behind you. The dictionary defines nicotine as a poisonous alkaloid of a very acrid taste; but—matches? Here!—Catch!—the initiation of a kindly eye is a pleasant digression.

AND THIS FOR DIVERSION AND DIVERSION.

Sure the first paragraph in the new chapter in Irish history will be the journalistic comments on it, and bad seren to the man that would be after searching the teeth of a gift horse and saying the good news is not good, or belittling it in order to tickle the Die-hards, more by token if the same man have done nothing in the past to earn or deserve the blessing we are now just beginning to enjoy. Between you, we, and the *Telegraph Post*, this is not pseudo-Rabelaisian. 'Tis an attempt in the press of daily affairs to be Irishly cheerful and (if we may say so) grateful. For His Majesty, God bless him, is pleased, and we are pleased, and nearly everybody in all the world is pleased save one. This one (in mercy we name no names) recognizes no change because having been "agin" any change he simply dare not admit that change is possible. So much so that even the Boer War made no change for him. We have already, says he, within the British Commonwealth of Nations, he says, one "Free State"—the Orange Free State in South Africa. We must have been mistaken all along in supposing that the Orange Free State disappeared in the Boer War, became the Orange River Colony, and after that merged into the Dominion of South Africa. The same gossamer is after reasoning very judicially between the dictionary meanings of "allegiance" and "faithfulness," and we have wasted good grey matter on a distinction that was probably due to the ideas on composition of one of Ruter's young ladies, one being not to repeat the same word twice in one summary. Leastways, that's our guess. Anyway, we can quite see how possible it is for an Englishman to claim that we have pacified the Irish without giving in to them, and what's in a name anyway? But begorra, if it comes to names how could ye better this one from the Irishman's point of view? Think of it. The Irish Free State is firstly Irish, secondly it is free, and thirdly it is a state, a sovereign state, and King George, God bless his sweet majesty, is at last in truth as well as in title King of Great Britain and Ireland.

The object of this bill is to bring the leases of non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses within the Rents Ordinance. In the original draft of the principal Ordinance all hotels and boarding houses were wholly excluded. The leases of Chinese hotels and boarding houses were afterwards made subject to the Ordinance in consequence of the representations of the Chinese hotel and boarding house keepers. Subsequent experience has shown that it is desirable to include also the leases of non-Chinese hotels and boarding houses, for two reasons. In the first place, it is undesirable that boarding house keepers should be at the mercy of their landlords as regards rent, partly because the landlord may be tempted to make an unreasonable use of the fact that in most cases the boarding house keeper cannot possibly find other premises, and so may be "squeezed" indefinitely, and partly because effects of this "squeezing" must also be felt by the boarders, unless of course the boarding house keeper is driven out of the business altogether. This danger of the closing of the boarding house is the second reason referred to above. The rent may eventually be raised to such a point that the boarding house keeper cannot pay it, being unable to recover the additional expense from the boarders. In other cases, the owner or purchaser, may wish to move into the premises because he fancies the place as a residence for himself and his family. This also seems undesirable because the boarding house probably houses more persons who have their occupations in Hongkong and who must live here.

The Attorney General explained that the object of the Bill was to bring the total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 20, 1921, amounted to 96,245 tons and the sales during the period, to 82,445 tons.

A meeting of the Hongkong branch of the British Legion will be held in the City Hall on Wednesday, December 21, to receive the copies of the constitution, received from the London Headquarters.

In regard to the rents charged by the keepers of such premises to their guests this was a very difficult pro-

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

RENTS ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDED.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

RESTRICTING THE USE OF STOCKS.

GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., submitted the following questions:

With reference to the letter from "Brown Sugar," headed "Government Officers' Quarters," in the *South China Morning Post* of Friday, November 18, in which it is stated that Government officers, occupying Government quarters are, several of them, sub-letting part of their quarters to relatives and friends, for personal profit, will the Government state—

- (1) How many instances of such sub-letting exist and in respect of what Government Quarters?
- (2) Is such sub-letting permitted by the Government or not? If so what conditions or regulations govern such permission?
- (3) Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of such conditions or regulations?

ATTENDANCE.

Those present were:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., H.R. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Lieut.-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I. The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, O.M.G., L.L.D. The Attorney-General, the Hon. J. H. Kemp, C.R.E., K.C. The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, O.B.E. The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving. The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak. The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun. The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird. The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang. Mr. S. B. R. McDermott, Clerk of Councils.

A number of regulations already published in the *Government Gazette* were laid on the table.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary tabled the financial minutes and the report of the Finance committee.

Before the ordinary business was begun the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, who succeeds Mr. Ho Fook as one of the Chinese representatives was duly sworn in and took his seat as a member.

RENTS ORDINANCE.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the imposition of the penalty of stocks.

The object of this Bill is to abolish the penalty of stocks except for the offences of kidnapping, traffic in prostitution, and living on the proceeds of prostitution.

It is considered that this penalty should be restricted to cases where the offender has something substantial to lose by publicity being given to his conviction, and where it is important that such convictions should be made as public as possible in order to deter others. It seems desirable that certain members of the public should be reminded in this way that kidnappers, for instance, and persons who traffic in women and girls, are from time to time tracked down and punished. Convictions for larceny on the other hand are so common that no publicity is necessary, and the deterrent effect of stocks as a punishment for serious offences like armed robbery is hardly appreciable in the case of a criminal who is prepared to run the risk of flogging and a long term of imprisonment.

Clause 3 sets out the offences for which the punishment of stocks may be imposed, and provides that in the case of a summary conviction this form of sentence shall not be carried into effect until the expiration of seven days from the date of the sentence, this provision being inserted to allow an appeal against the sentence. This clause also limits the imposition of stocks by providing that male offenders only shall be so punished, and further adds a power for the Supreme Court to impose this penalty after conviction on indictment.

It was now considered, the Attorney General said, that this somewhat antiquated penalty should be restricted in its use and the principle adopted in this Bill was that it should be confined to cases where some public advertisement of the fact of conviction appears desirable. He indicated that the chief offence for which this form of punishment would in future apply would be kidnapping, traffic in women and girls for immoral purposes and living on the proceeds of immorality.

The defence was that the amount charged for the work was excessive

and evidence was called to prove that the sum of \$200 which the defendant had paid into Court was a just and reasonable settlement.

After hearing a number of witnesses, including Captain Douglas, of Messrs Douglas and Goddard, the Puine Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gomperz) remarked that it was a disagreeable case, which he would sooner have had settled by arbitration.

On the evidence he was unable to find, after careful consideration, that the plaintiff was entitled to more than \$200 and judgment must therefore be given for that amount.

The amount of the judgment coinciding with the amount paid into Court costs were awarded to the defendant.

Mr. A. Crewe, of Messrs Hastings and Hastings, represented the plaintiff and Mr. M. H. Turner of Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston appeared for the defence.

NEW STEAMER.

LARGEST N.Y.K. LINER HERE.

PAKHUI LO PRRS.

SUCCESSFUL CATHEDRAL HALL CONCERT.

The Bishop was right. The concert certainly was "a musical treat." The Cathedral Hall was comfortably filled, and the object was manifestly a most worthy one. And yet also the warmth, thanks were due to all who contributed to the fine success achieved, but—not to the audience. It was amply repaid by the excellence of the programme submitted. The lepers of Pakhui and Loinchow should benefit considerably in consequence, for it was in aid of their hospital that the concert was given.

The work of entertainment devolved principally on Mr. Eric Rice, Miss Bowes Smith, and Mr. W. R. Crow, with Mr. A. Bowes Smith accompanying for his wife. Mr. Rice, who demonstrated his fine mastery of the piano, submitted choice selections from Chopin, Debussy York Bowen, Grieg, Schumann and Liszt, all with the same admirable distinction and expression. Particular interest attached to "Ballerina," a marked appreciation of musical form.

Mr. Bowes Smith's contributions took the form of several joyous songs from Landor Ronald, Puccini, and Tosti which she infused with her usual charm. Feeling and expression distinguished Mr. W. R. Crow's rendition of songs by Eastop, Martin, France Leoni, and Francis Allison. All the artists were warmly applauded, a tribute they certainly deserved.

As already indicated, the Bishop at the conclusion of the entertainment expressed thanks to "everybody concerned in giving us this concert." It had not only been a great musical treat, he said, but also the object was abundantly worth while. The Bishop then said he thought that could those present see the lepers they would feel that what they had done that evening was worth while. On behalf of the lepers, also on behalf of the audience he wished to express gratitude to all who helped to make the concert a success. He would like also to thank the audience for their assistance in attending.

The baby grand piano by Collard and Collard used for this concert was supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

Another concert in aid of the same deserving object will be given in the Cathedral Hall at 8.15 to-night under the patronage of Lady Stables, Lady Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Bowes Smith. Tickets are \$1 apiece.

A PAINTING DISPUTE.

WIN FOR MR. NEMAZEE.

Al Yau, painting contractor, sued Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee in the Summary Court this morning for \$371.90, being the balance alleged to be due for material supplied and work done in connection with the Nemazee steamer "Rupara".

The defence was that the amount charged for the work was excessive and evidence was called to prove that the sum of \$200 which the defendant had paid into Court was a just and reasonable settlement.

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OUR FINANCES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FINANCIAL MINUTES.

A sum of \$144,524 for newspapers, periodicals, miscellaneous papers (\$25,000), rent allowances (\$10,000), transport of Government servants (\$105,000), ordinances, etc., was the largest single financial minute submitted by H. E. the Governor at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. The complete list follows:

\$7,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, recurrent, Hongkong, miscellaneous (17) typhoon, and rainstorm damages.

\$10,000 in aid of charitable services, grant in aid of charitable institutions, John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton.

\$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, establishment, other charges, electric fans and light.

\$8,000 in aid of the vote Treasury, Stamp Office, other charges, stamps, &c.

\$144,524, in aid of the following votes:

Miscellaneous Services
Newspapers and periodicals, \$ 500.00
Printing and binding
Civil Service list, 124.00
Miscellaneous papers, 25,000.00
Ordinances, &c., 1,800.00
Rent allowance, 10,000.00
Rent of public telephone, 2,100.00
Transport of Government servants, 105,000.00
Total, \$144,524.00

\$10,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (66) Compensation and Resumptions.

\$45,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, recurrent, Hongkong, waterworks (19) maintenance of city and hill districts.

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, recurrent, Hongkong, waterworks, (22) water account, (meters, &c.).

\$6,500 in aid of the vote Colonial Secretary's Office, personal emoluments.

\$600, in aid of the following votes:

Charitable services:
Charitable allowance to John Dowling at Sydney \$60.00
Passages and relief of destitutes, 500.00
Total, \$560.00

\$3,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, miscellaneous, (86) miscellaneous works.

\$391 in aid of the vote Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, wagons.

ANCESTOR WORSHIP.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE, I
LOCAL COURT.

The Chinese will case which was begun in the Supreme Court yesterday was continued throughout the day when the plaintiff was led by his counsel (Mr. C. G. Alabaster) to tell the story of his life from childhood up.

Describing the ceremonies which took place when, at a tender age, he was taken into the house of his father he said that his *anak* led him forward and he worshipped the ancestors and "kow-towed." Then his mother, the ninth concubine of his father, came forward and did the same thing. Then they both bowed to his "first mother," the *kiat fat* wife and his mother handed her a cup of tea and some sweetmeats. Then his "first mother" gave them both a packet of *lai sze*—lucky money tied up in red paper.

Always, on festival occasions like the Ching Ming he worshipped the ancestors in his father's house and when he was 16 years of age he went out with his brothers to Pokfulum to worship at the ancestral tombs on the hillside. He repeated something after his brother and said "I am Cheung Tai Kwong, the tenth son." Then he knelt down three times and bowed his head to the ground nine times towards the tomb. After they had all "kow towed," his brother said that everything would be good now and they need not trouble to go into the country to worship the ancestors. They all returned to the family house and there, at the direction of his "first mother" he worshipped the ancestral tablets in the same way. Afterwards joss sticks and candles were burnt and Chinese roast meat and vegetables set out on a table before the tablets. Then his first mother gave him "lucky money."

UNNECESSARY WORDS.
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SPECIAL CABLES.

STRAITS SLUMP OVER.
RUBBER AND TIN BOTH IMPROVE.[*China Mail Special*.]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 7.
The demand for rubber shares is now good. The present price is forty-one cents a pound. Tin is quoted at the highest price for eight months. The share demand is also good.

SHANGHAI MOTOR SHOW.

MANY VALUABLE CARS SOLD.

[*China Mail Special*.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.
The automobile show extended for three days closed last night. The promoters are satisfied with the results. Many valuable cars were sold both to Chinese and foreigners. The exhibition was creditable in every respect and it is hoped it will give an impetus to the motor vehicle trade in China.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A RECRUITER.

(To the Editor of the "*China Mail*.")

Dear Sir,—Reading over the Report of the annual meeting of the recently formed Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it was a matter of great surprise to me to learn that its total membership, so far, is only 363.

Surely there are more animal lovers in the Colony?

If there are, (and I feel there must be,) I wonder what are the reasons that they hold from joining a Society whose aims and views regarding our defenceless dumb friends agree with their own. We know that animals, here, as elsewhere, suffer unnecessarily from cruel hands and I do not think that any one who claims affection for dumb animals should delay in doing their part of joining and thereby assisting to get the Society on a sound financial basis, and also encourage the Society by the knowledge that they have the support and sympathy of all animal lovers in the Colony. So far it has not had much opportunity to do very much active work owing to the usual necessary details having to be attended to first.

I am sure any friendly criticisms would be welcomed, and any faults remedied, as far as possible, should any one care to point them out; but each non-member should remember, that whilst they are delaying to assist, animals are silently suffering, in many instances on their way to be slaughtered in order to provide us with food. I earnestly hope that each animal lover will immediately assist in making the Society a real live organization in this Colony.

Thanking you for your kindness in allowing me this space.

I remain, sir,
Yours faithfully,
"MEMBER ONLY."

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DANGEROUS ENERGY.

MAN WHO STOLE DYNAMITE.

Sergeant Cotton charged a stone breaker before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession on the new road near Tytam, of 71 sticks of dynamite.

The defendant said that he was taking the explosives from the quarry on the new road where he was employed, to Lanweiwan to carry out some blasting operation there. He however admitted that he did not have a permit to transport the things.

The Sergeant said that the defendant was employed by the contractor right enough, but he had not been given any orders or authority to handle the dynamite. It was evident that the defendant had stolen the stuff and was taking it to Lanweiwan to sell to fishermen among whom there was a good market for the explosives to take fish with.

A fine of \$50 or four weeks was imposed.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for the late

DR. G. P. JORDAN,

SUNDAY, December 11th, at 9.30 a.m.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

FANLING.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Hongkong, December 8, 1921.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of two Lots of CROWN LAND at Shaukiwan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale. Lot No. 481 & 482.	Boundary Measurements N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	Content in Square feet. ft. ft.	Annual Rent. \$	Upset Price.	
				ft.	ft.
Shaukiwan Road, No. 8.	As per sale plan.	about 150 sq. ft.	150	12	12

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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Wanchai Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale. Lot No. 483.	Boundary Measurements N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	Content in Square feet. ft. ft.	Annual Rent. \$	Upset Price.	
				ft.	ft.
Wanchai Road, No. 8.	As per sale plan.	about 150 sq. ft.	150	12	12

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

TUESDAY,
December 13, 1921, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

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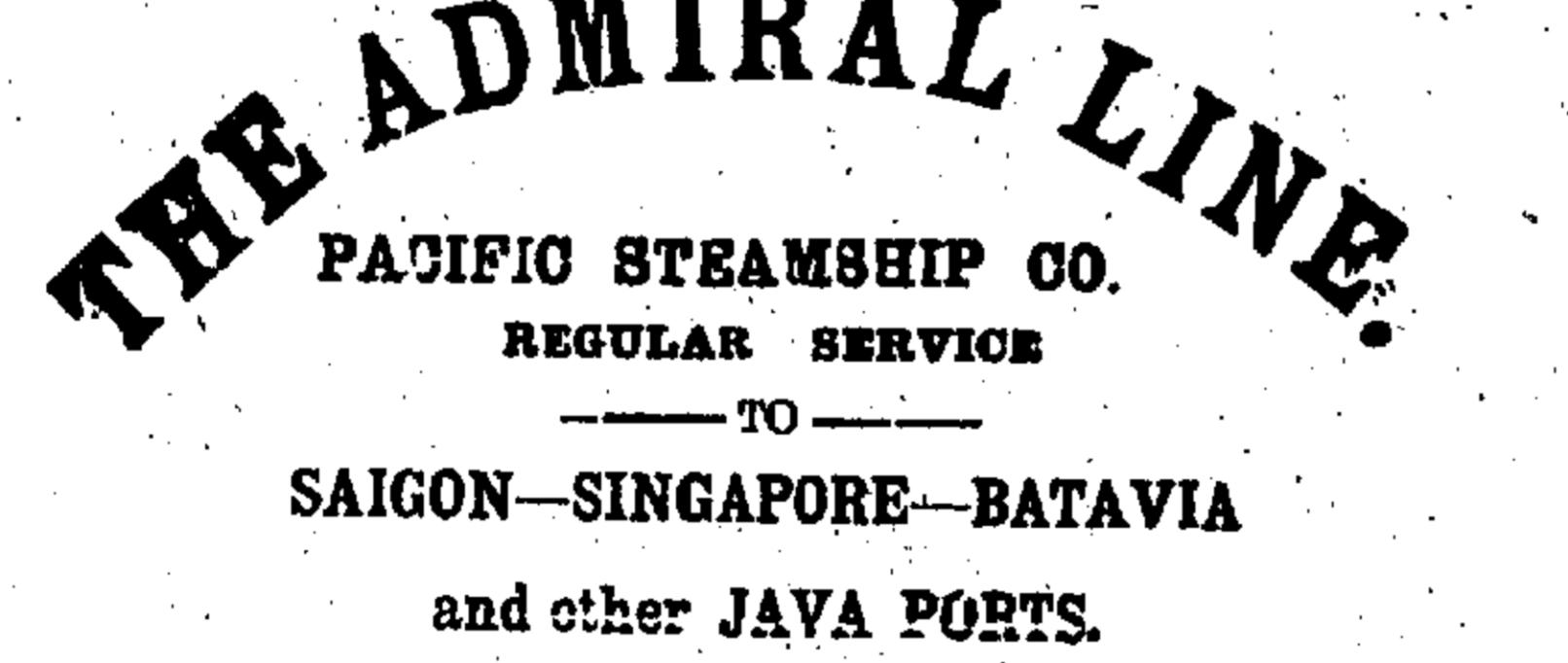
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EDUCATION BOARD.

STAUNTON STREET MARKET NUISANCE.

BOARD'S ESTIMATE RIGHTS.

In the Boardroom of the Sanitary Board, Post Office Building, a meeting of the Education Board was held yesterday afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, (Director of Education) presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Dr. T. W. Pearce, Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, Mr. W. Jackson, Rev. Fr. P. de Maria, (Director of Catholic Schools), Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. S. W. Tao, Mr. U. Rumjahn, Rev. Mr. W. B. Shann, Mr. E. Ralphs, (Inspector of Schools), Mr. A. R. Cavalier, and Mr. Y. P. Law, (Hon. Secretary.)

In opening the proceedings, the chairman paid a tribute to the late Dr. G. P. Jordan. He said—

I feel that the Board will desire to record its feeling of regret at the death of Dr. Jordan, who has been for many years so prominent in the Councils of Medical Education and to whom the medical institutions of the Colony are profoundly indebted and who was recently the Acting Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University.

The meeting then proceeded to consider a number of proposals which had been placed on the Agenda by Mr. Silva-Netto.

BOARD'S "LEGAL STATUS."

The first motion placed before the meeting was that the Education Ordinance be altered, amended or added thereto so that the Education Board may be given a legal status.

Mr. Silva-Netto in moving the resolution, said that according to the Education Ordinance of 1913 the Director of Education or the Inspector of Schools had not the power to visit the various schools apart from the usual inspection. Some time ago he enquired as to what was the "legal status" of the Board and he was informed that the Board was formed in an advisory capacity only. The idea of his proposal was to gain by a new ordinance, authority for the Committee to visit the Grant Schools at any time.

Mr. Jackson questioned the proposer of the motion as to the exact meaning of the words "legal status." As to visiting the schools, this could not be done without arranging definitely beforehand. The girls schools, for instance, could not be visited at any time during the day.

The Chairman thought the proposal rather exaggerated the difficulties of school inspections. He suggested that the views of the Government be obtained first with a view to amending the Ordinance, if it was considered necessary.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak pointed out that the resolution had not been seconded.

The motion was not seconded and the meeting proceeded to the next business.

BOARD'S ESTIMATE RIGHTS.

Mr. Silva-Netto submitted the following resolution:

"That the meeting to consider the Estimates for each year be convened at an earlier date in the future to consider same and make such alterations and additions thereto as the Board deems fit."

Speaking on the motion Mr. Silva-Netto said that he considered the last Board meeting at which Estimates were considered was a farce. The members were asked to consider the Estimates as submitted to them, but those Estimates had already gone through to the Government for approval. He contended that they should be submitted to the Board before going through. He knew that any suggestion coming from the Board would be seriously considered by the Education Department. The Board had no legal status; it had no power apart from advising on such matters, and so far as the last Estimates were concerned its advice had not been asked. An Estimate of the receipts had not even been placed before the Board.

The proposal was not seconded.

CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS.

Before proceeding to the third motion on the Agenda, the Chairman said that he would like to explain some points regarding Mr. Silva-Netto's second resolution. The Estimates had been considered by the Board's Sub Committee. It had the power to make reports and suggestions and it was always open to members to bring forward any resolutions they thought fit. They had ample means of impressing their opinions upon the Director of Education and therefore upon the Government. It was not possible for him to bring his complete estimates before the Board until they had been approved by the Government, but the complete Estimates embodied all the suggestions made by the Board, or if they did not fit, for the reason that the Government had declined them. If the Board made any suggestions he understood that they would reach the Government. He was given by Mr. Morris a letter which he could truly say that the Board was not in charge of finances

of education and did not prepare the Estimates. He being the Director of Education, prepared the Estimates and in doing so had every regard to the opinions of members of the Board. With regard to receipts he did not mention that point at the last meeting because the amount of the fees received had hardly any bearing on the Estimates. The fees did not anything like cover the cost of education and he did not think the Government seriously considered the amount obtained from this source in arranging Estimates.

STAUNTON STREET MARKET.

The next motion put before the Board by Mr. Silva-Netto was

"That the Government be asked to remove the Staunton Street Market to some other locality and to abate the noise in the vicinity of the Queen's College."

Mr. Silva-Netto pointed out that the market comprised sixteen stalls, besides which a number of itinerant hawkers congregated in the district. Queen's College was in close proximity to the market and he thought it would be much better for the teaching staff of a college if the market was moved to some other place, or steps be taken to abate the noise during college hours. The market was now open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. It was true that he had not received any complaints from the teaching staff or students of Queen's College, but as he was frequently passing that place he happened to know how great was the noise made by the hawkers. Besides, the market did not at all add to the dignity of the College. The place was really filthy and "literally packed with humanity during the early hours."

The Chairman remarked that the market was first erected against the walls of Queen's College some years ago. At that time he uttered a protest. But the fact that they had received no complaints from the Headmaster or staff of the college appeared to show that the noise was not heard in the building. In view of the fact that the College would very shortly be moved to the other side it did not appear necessary that any steps should be taken.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak agreed. Money had already been voted, he said, for the preliminary work.

The subject then dropped, no seconder being found for Mr. Silva-Netto's proposal.

NEW SAYINGPUN SCHOOL.

Standing next in order was the following motion:

"That the Government be urged to complete the negotiations with the owner of the projected site for the new Sayingpun School and to proceed with the erection of the new school without further delay."

Mr. Silva-Netto observed that money had already been voted for commencing the work and the Director of Public Works, in reply to a question put by the Hon. Mr. Lang at the last Council meeting, said he was hoping that an exchange of land would be arranged at the end of next month. It was impossible, Mr. Silva-Netto continued, for teaching to be carried on properly at the present school owing to the many noises in the locality. He understood that between one hundred and two hundred boys had been refused because of the lack of accommodation. He further commented on the danger of conducting a school in a matched in view of the prevalence of plague. No European or Chinese school master could be expected to teach children properly under such conditions.

There being no seconder to the resolution, Mr. Jackson proposed as an amendment that the Government be urged to accelerate the construction of the new Sayingpun School building.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak seconded.

Mr. Mackintosh thought the Board would be making a great mistake if it ignored the fact that a sub-committee had reported on the school and that the Board had adopted the report.

He protested very strongly against singling out recommendation of the sub-committee or of the Board, in the case of one school and not of others.

He was not convinced that the claims of Sayingpun School deserved any stronger recommendation from the Board than the claims of Queen's College, Wantai, Praya East or all the other schools which the sub-committee had

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BIG DAY FOR DOCKS.

A DOUBLE EVENT.

TWO STEAMERS LAUNCHED.

TRADE DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

"Hongkong is the prettiest place we have seen so far." That seems to be the impression which has embedded itself most deeply in the minds of the members of the trade delegation from San Francisco which has just been paying a visit to the Colony. An endeavour was made yesterday to show the visitors that we are not content with being merely ornamental and that Hongkong is progressive as well as "pretty."

Under the cicerone of the President (the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang) and the Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair) of the Chamber of Commerce and many prominent local businessmen, the envoys from California made a trip around the harbour yesterday afternoon in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s sturdy tug "Henry Kewick." Skirting Stonecutter's the visitors were taken past the "Socony" plant at Laicheekok and then Eastward to Taikoo Docks where they landed to witness the launching of the "Changsha," a new steamer for the Yangtze trade.

After that they were taken across the harbour and past the Green Island Cement Company's works to the Kowloon Docks and there another launching was staged for their edification. This ceremony disposed of the visitors and those who had accompanied them on the trip adjourned to the recreation hall to enjoy the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's customarily lavish hospitality.

Crossing the harbour at dusk on the return journey to Blake Pier the visitors had a glimpse of what Hongkong looks like when lighting-up time arrives. "Say" remarked one of the delegates, as leaning over the rail of the "Henry Kewick," he watched cluster after cluster of lights flash out in the gathering darkness "your Hongkong is sure some pretty place."

The Californian party was about 50 strong. Amongst those who accompanied them, in addition to the Chamber of Commerce Officials, were several members of the local American community, including Mr. W. H. Gale, (American Consul General) and Mr. H. St. E. Miller (Vice Consul), Mr. G. Hogg (Manager of the International Bank), Mr. R. M. Johnson (U.S. Shipping Board) and Mr. J. Oram Sheppard (Manager of the Pacific Mail S.S. Company). The hosts were Hon. A. O. Lang (Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. D. K. Blair (Secretary), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chief Manager of the H.K. and W. Dock Company), Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.), Mr. G. T. Edkins (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Taikoo), Mr. G. M. Dodwell (Messrs. Dodwell & Co.), and Lieut. Conway Hake (Harbour Master).

AT TAIKOO.

When the party had landed at Taikoo Docks they were conducted to Mr. N. J. Reid, Dockyard Manager, to a decorated platform under the bows of the u.s.-"Changsha." Here Mrs. Shaw, mother of the Assistant Manager, performed the launching ceremony and the new vessel slid

gracefully into the water to the usual accompaniment of cheers, siren hoots and a deafening fusillade of crackers.

Addressing the gathering afterwards Mr. G. T. Edkins said:

We in Hongkong are very glad to see you here to-day, interesting yourself in this port and its resources, and we are very glad to show you all we can in the limited time at your disposal of what is going on here in trade and industries.

Coming as you do from San Francisco your interest is natural, in view of the growing trade and shipping relationships between your city and Hongkong. Just as Hongkong is the big Ocean port on this side of the Pacific, so San Francisco is the leading port on the Eastern shores. We correspond to each other, and interest and intercourse are natural. While we have very close attachment to Vancouver and Seattle, and a growing interest in Los Angeles and San Diego, San Francisco stands out by virtue of its great shipping and commercial status as the chief of all these very live coast centres of human activity and effort.

California and British Columbia are fascinating places, not only from the business point of view, but for recreation and good health, and many of us have pleasant recollections of good times spent in one or other, or both, countries, among the genial and hospitable people who have developed the resources of these comparatively new lands and created so many fine and progressive cities and industrial centres. I found California ever full of interest, and we all wish you a continued safe and pleasant voyage and happy return to that good country.

As to the ship we have just seen launched, she is not a very big one, being about 300 feet long, but she represents the best of workmanship and design, with improvements on what has gone before. She is equipped for cargo handling to meet the latest requirements of trade on the Upper Yangtze River.

Some of you during your visit to China have probably noticed some of the old type of passenger steamers worked with paddle wheels with the walking beam above the deck, which still ply in and out of Hongkong and Shanghai. Such steamers are a reflection of the boats developed to so great an extent by Americans on the Great Lakes and rivers, and they probably recall to you familiar associations in the old country. Such steamers have served a very useful and profitable purpose in China waters in the past, but for many years now the change to twin-screw ship has been introduced for light draft steamers, and the boat just launched in one of this type. Paddle wheel steamers were the light draft boats of earlier date, but as time went on it was found possible to secure the lightest possible draft with propeller driven boats, and the "Changsha" is an example, with exceptional carrying capacity on light draft. She will carry something like 1,000 tons including stores and bunkers on 7 feet. We feel sure that she will do credit both to her owners and builders, thanks to the good workmanship of the staff of this dockyard.

I am grateful to Mrs. Shaw for so graciously launching the "Changsha" for us. I was glad to be able to persuade her to christen the ship as I know she has always watched

the steamer traffic at Shanghai with personal interest during her life there, and I know she continues that interest and will attach herself to the well-being of this new river steamer, which is to ply between Hankow and Ichang, and so endow the ship with the best of good luck.

I will ask Mrs. Shaw to accept this small souvenir of this very pleasant occasion.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—There is a good deal more to occupy your attention this afternoon and I will not detain you beyond asking you to drink with me good luck to the steamship "Changsha" and continue prosperity to her owners, the China Navigation Company.

The toast having been heartily honoured the party rejoined the "Henry Kewick" and made their way across the harbour to see the "Petricola" launched at Kowloon.

THE "CHANGSHA", DESCRIBED.

The u.s.-"Changsha," built by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., of Hongkong, Ltd., to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., is a twin-screw river steamer for service on the middle Yangtze River. Her principal dimensions are: Length over-all 300ft. 0in.; beam moulded, 46ft. 0in.; depth moulded, 18ft. 0in. The gross tonnage is 2,500, and she carries 1,650 tons deadweight on a draft of 9ft. 0in. The vessel is of the awning deck type and has two complete steel decks with long promenade and shade decks.

Accommodation is provided on the awning deck amidships for 36 first class Chinese passengers with dining saloon adjoining. The third class accommodation, for 94 passengers, is situated on the awning deck aft. Large staterooms for European passengers, dining saloon, and accommodation for officers and engineers are provided on the promenade deck. The crew is berthed in 'tween decks forward.

The vessel has one mast, fitted with four derricks; capable of dealing with heavy lifts. A steam windlass is fitted forward and a steam capstan aft for warping purposes. Steam steering gear is fitted amidships controlled from navigating bridge. Electric light and steam heating is fitted throughout.

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THE KOWLOON CEREMONY.

There was already quite a large gathering around the "Petricola" when the party from the "Changsha" arrived at the Kowloon Docks. Amongst this assembly were Mr. H. P. White (Chairman of Directors of the Dock Company), Hon. Mr. Claud Seaver, C.M.G. Sir William Read Davies, Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Watson, Mr. R. E. Atwell, Mr. W. A. Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cameron, Mr. C. D. Lambert, Mr. H. P. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Veness, Mr. J. Reid, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. J. Stalker, Mr. W. Russell, Mr. W. O. Lambert, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. John S. Gardiner, Mr. T. S. Morrison, Mr. M. M. Mass and Mr. G. H. Potts.

The "Petricola" is the second of the four tankers to be built for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and to Mrs. N. L. Watson, wife of the local manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company fell the duty of cutting the cord and christening the ship as the vessel slid down the ways. The thought that was lesson which people who were trying to get China to move too fast would be well advised to consider. (Applause.) There was not one single enterprise, so far as he knew, in China, either

North or South, with possibly one exception, which had done any work worth the description, unless it had its "Dyer" and there were any number which had attempted to do great work and had failed because they had not competent supervision and initiative, which was only supplied by men of Mr. Dyer's calibre. (Applause.) He invited the guests to drink to the health of the Dock Company, coupled with the name of Mr. Dyer.

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. Dyer thanked the assembly for so kindly responding to the toast of the Dock Company and also mentioned the pleasure it gave the Company to have the delegates from San Francisco present. Mr. Dyer said that when these four ships were built they would be identical with four being built by the Anglo-Saxon Company at San Francisco, and with the three being built at Los Angeles. The Kowloon Dock Company was very much indebted to the San Francisco Company for helping them by supplying some of the designs and specifications, which enabled the Company to proceed very much quicker than they would otherwise have been able to do. He trusted that the delegates had been instructed and that they would go back with some idea of the work being done in Hongkong. (applause.)

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.

The single screw vessel "Petricola," built and engined by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at their Works in Kowloon, for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., London, is the second oil tanker carrying petroleum in bulk to be built in China, and is the second of four vessels now under construction for this Company.

The principal dimensions are as follows:

Length over-all..... 427ft.
Breadth extreme..... 53ft. 5in.
Depth moulded..... 31ft.
Load draft..... 24ft. 9in.
Deadweight carrying capacity, 8,400 tons.

The vessel has a straight stem, and elliptical stern, with long poop, with a short bridge and forecastle, and has been built on the Isherwood longitudinal system of framing to pass Lloyd's 100 A.I. Class. The machinery is aft. Accommodation for the navigating officers is provided in houses on bridge deck, and for the engineers on the poop, each with a separate room. Saloon and engineers' mess rooms are fitted out in an artistic style. The patty officers, firemen, seamen and greasers' quarters are situated in the forecastle, and their three mess rooms are in poor near the engine casing. Both a European and a native galley are supplied.

The "Petricola" is sub-divided by transverse and longitudinal bulkheads, stiffened longitudinally, into 18 main oil tanks and 10 summer tanks. The pump room is situated amidships between No. 4 and No. 5 tanks.

A dry cargo hold is fitted forward under which is a deep tank for either oil fuel or water ballast. Cross bunkers and side bunkers are constructed oilight so that they can be used for either coal or oil fuel. A double bottom is fitted under boilers for oil fuel and under engines for reserve feed water, and both forward and after peaks are arranged for water ballast also through main sea valve. A special oil fuel pump is in fore hold for transferring oil fuel in deep tank aft in the lower tween decks.

The machinery consists of a steam, driven triple expansion engine having cylinders 27 inches, 44 inches, and 73 inches, with a stroke of 48 inches. Steam is supplied by three Scotch boilers of the usual marine type having a working pressure of 180 lbs. per square inch. The boilers are arranged so as to be able to burn either oil or coal as fuel, with Zulver Smith System and Howde System of forced draught. The usual auxiliaries including Weir's feed heater, evaporator distiller, and oil fuel pump are fitted in engine and boiler rooms.

The vessel is capable of maintaining a speed of 11 knots in the loaded condition.

The cargo oil is handled by two large horizontal duplex oil pumps, Heyward Tyler type. Pumps are so

arranged that they will pump from the sea into any oil compartment, and from any oil compartment into any other oil compartment on opposite sides, also pump from any oil compartment and deliver simultaneously over each side of vessel also through main sea valve. A special oil fuel pump is in fore hold for transferring oil fuel in deep tank forward into the cross bunker aft.

The steamer is equipped with wireless apparatus, powerful steam windlass, winches for handling cargo and warping purposes, and steam steering gear with telemotor control, with steam heating in accommodation, and electric light.

VISITORS' LAST DAY.

This afternoon the visitors are to be entertained at afternoon tea at the Kam Ling Hotel by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and this evening they will leave Hongkong again for San Francisco.

To-morrow afternoon Messrs. Hughes and Hough auction a quantity of Chinese porcelains, curios, lacquered ware, etc., particulars of which are advertised in this issue.

The Siam Observer says one member of the Bangkok club who was forbidden to bring a dog into the club, now attends with a cat on his shoulders and leading a calf by a string. The latter he tethers to the chair he occupies while engaged in the pleasant occupation of consuming stengahs. Meanwhile the juvenile bovine piteously bellowing song which does not conduct to good birth!

Dr. Adolph Boye, the new German minister to the Republic of China, who arrived in Peking on Saturday last, has been in the diplomatic service of his country both in China and in Japan acting as a consular official in both countries. He is a financial expert rather than a diplomat and his most recent post was the head of the economic bureau of the German Foreign Office. During the war, having returned from South Africa, where he represented a prominent German bank, Dr. Boye was the economic advisor of the German ambassador at Vienna. From this post he returned to Berlin after the revolution to take up the duties of the economic bureau of the Foreign Office.

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